

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 34-59 are pending in this application. Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the allowance of claims 10, 11 and 34-59. Applicant submits that, as amended, all claims currently pending in this application are allowable as well.

Claims 1-9 and 12-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Hansen (U.S. Patent No. 5,807,364) in view of Peschi (U.S. Patent No. 3,973,703). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner states that Hansen discloses all aspects of the claimed invention, but fails to disclose the portion of the apparatus that deposits the particulate matter. The Peschi reference has been cited in an effort to disclose the deposition of the particulate matter. The Examiner contends that it would be obvious for one skilled in the art to construct the apparatus of Hansen with the feed tray and shuttle pan of Peschi to provide for the discharge of particulate matter in an efficient manner.

In allowing independent claim 10 and 11, the Examiner has acknowledged that several features of the claimed invention are neither taught nor suggested in the prior art. For instance, the position of the shuttle pan in a non-parallel relationship with the conveying mechanism to create varying offset distances is not disclosed. This feature permits the particulate matter to be dispensed in varying concentrations. Similarly, the use of a combining drum to permit the production system to operate at higher speeds is not disclosed.

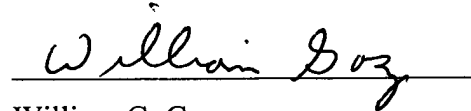
Claims 1-9 and 12-19 now include the limitation that the position of the shuttle pan is non-parallel to the conveying mechanism. Since the Examiner has indicated that this feature is neither taught nor suggested by the references, applicant submits that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the aforementioned facts and reasons, the present application is now believed to overcome the remaining rejections in this application, and all claims are deemed to be in proper condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing amendment at this time is appropriate since it is responsive to the outstanding Office Action, and no further review or search is required. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the

rejections, is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below to discuss any matter pertaining to the status of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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